

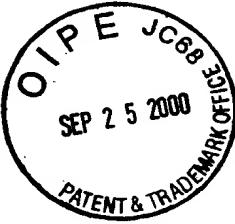
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METHOD FOR DETECTING THE
PRESENCE OF BIOLOGICAL
MATTERS OF BOVINE ORIGIN,
AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR
ITS IMPLEMENTATION

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of August 24, 2000, applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 4-9 and 13-15, without traverse.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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